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## SALUTE TO OUR HEROES

The Leas played host last week to a parade of Folkestone's favourite adopted sons.

More than 600 members of the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles received the Freedom of the Town from Mayor Janet Andrews to the cheers of a crowd estimated at more than 10,000.

Actress Joanna Lumley was among those who applauded and she told spectators they should be proud of the way the townspeople had adopted the Nepalese warriors into the local community and supported them throughout their arduous tour of Afghanistan.

Later at a medal ceremony at Shorncliffe Barracks the soldiers received their campaign medals from Sir David Richards, the man soon to take over as head of the Army. **FULL STORY SEE PAGES 4-5**

■ BY MARIJKE COX

**BOSSES** at Lydd airport have blasted Shepway council for its handling of growth plans after private information was leaked.

Managing director Cliff Spink told Yourshepway he was deeply disappointed to learn from local newspapers that planning officers were putting forward recommendations to reject the expansion.

He said he believed it could be down to ecological issues but stressed that he had not received official word from the local authority.

"We have pressed the council for clarification of the situation only to be told that we will have to wait until July 1 to see the report, which will contain recommendations about our two applications," he said.

"That is totally unacceptable. If newspaper reports are accurate, then we will be given precious little time to study those recommendations before the council meet to vote on our plans on July 9."

A spokeswoman at Shepway council admitted that confidential information had been leaked but could not confirm the details.

"Council planning officers advised the airport's agents of the likely recommendation on Monday, June 15," she said. "This was given in confidence and, like the airport, we are disappointed it was somehow leaked out."

Consultants for the airport contacted the council yesterday morning calling for early sight of the planning officers' report to try to deal with the recommendations.

But Mr Spink confirmed they were turned

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# 'Off with their heads' call as raiders strip church roof

AN OUTSPOKEN vicar says he would like to see the heads of thieves who stole valuable lead from the roof of his historic church skewered on stakes.

The Rev Jim Field made the controversial comment after £20,000 of the metal was snatched from St George's in Ivychurch, Romney Marsh, last week.

He said: "I know as a vicar I should not be saying this, but if they catch whoever did this, I want their heads on stakes outside. I can't believe this church has been attacked again."

"In this latest attack we have lost lead worth £20,000 and because we had it specially marked, the insurance company will only pay out its maximum of £5,000."

"That means we now have to find all the extra money from somewhere else."

"I used to be at a church in north Kent and that was hit by arson. We have also lost peg-tiles from a porch recently. I know as a man of the cloth I shouldn't be asking for heads on stakes, but that is what I think."

According to the national church insurer Ecclesiastical, lead thefts accounted for 2,500 claims last year at a total of £9 million.

In 2005, just 80 claims, at a total of £300,000, were made.

Kent Police's crime reduction project manager Julie Argent said: "The number of metal thefts fluctuates with the price. Last year the increasing price of metal in overseas markets led to an increase in theft of metal in the UK for its scrap value."

"What we are seeing now with the recession and the slowdown in the building industry is a fall in metal prices. Consequently we are not see-

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT  
AND CHRIS MURPHY

ing as many incidents as at this time last year."

Mrs Argent's comments will do nothing to calm the mood of Mr Field, who is also vicar of the nearby St Clement's Church that had £50 of lead stolen from its windows earlier this month.

Mr Field said: "We just can't understand a society that lets this happen. It has really damaged these amazing windows - and for what? A few quid for stolen lead."

At St George's, police believe the thieves used ladders to reach the roof and that the lead may have been loaded into a vehicle parked by the front wall.

Ecclesiastical spokesman Chris Pitt said vicars could improve security at their churches by cutting back bushes and asking people to walk through the grounds, or by installing CCTV.

He added that all Anglican churches had been provided with forensic SmartWater kits that leave an unique indelible mark when they come into contact with skin and clothes.

Mr Pitt said: "Metal theft is a serious concern and no church is safe."

Anyone with information about the theft at St George's can phone the police on 01303 289180, or Crime-stoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555111.



**FAIR COP:** Special constables have the same powers of arrest as regular police officers

## Specials take crash course in helping the police force

VOLUNTEER constables have been learning how to deal with road traffic collisions after spending a day in the classroom at Folkestone police station.

They also took part in a simulated collision at South Kent College's campus in Shorncliffe Road and looked at issues such as scene preservation and getting information and evidence from witnesses.

The training day included both theory and practical elements.

Road traffic collisions are just one area of policing in which the special constabulary supports the police, as well as dealing with antisocial behaviour, offering crime reduction advice, traffic law enforcement and assisting with nightlife-related matters.

In reality, they could be asked to deal with anything that might be usually handled by regular officers.

Any UK resident aged 18 or over can volunteer to become a special constable and, once trained, can have the same powers of arrest as regular police officers.

There are about 40 volunteer constables in the south Kent area, and anyone who is interested in volunteering can visit the Kent Police website at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk).

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# A high-speed property rush on Channel coast

■ BY TOM BETTS

A NATIONAL newspaper has highlighted how new high-speed trains are bringing places such as Sandgate into the commuter belt.

The Times has featured a £1.75 million Regency villa on the "Kentish Riviera" as a property which would suite a City high-flyer.

The article points out the new 140mph trains will make the village as easy to reach as Bath and Brighton.

And it warmly recommends the area as one where the homeowner can relax, drink in hand, overlooking the sea.

The story highlights the attraction of Frenches, a palatial local property, as well as applauding the area and its amenities.

It states: "For the money, you acquire a newly-renovated listed building in Sandgate, a 19th-century resort just outside Folkestone. But Frenches also comes with all the latest mod-cons: CCTV, multi-room sound system and a hidden descending screen that turns the library into a cinema. Frenches may be on the coast, but it is far from isolated. From December new high-speed trains will take you from Folkestone to St Pancras in 55 minutes, shaving up to 44 minutes off the current journey.

"The station is no more than ten minutes' drive away. Suddenly Sandgate will be as easy to reach from London as Bath or Brighton. The promenade at Sandgate is more modest, but it has a wealth of antiques shops, pubs and restaurants. Nearby Hythe has a charming high street, complete with a Waitrose."

The article explains that Ron Godfrey, a local antiques dealer, bought the house ten years ago, and now that the restoration is complete he is moving next door as the two properties comprise a pair of matching marine villas.

The were built for senior officers of the Royal Engineers who were based at nearby Shorncliffe Barracks. The story continues: "The house is

approached by a private lane between the villas, which opens into a secluded courtyard.

"Here the stables have been converted into a self-contained cottage. The large lawn filling the front garden is flanked by pretty flower borders and hedges, perfectly framing the view of the Channel.

"The whole house brims with the elegance of Regency taste. It is evident in the gracious ascent of the lofty stair, lit by a tall arched window edged with stained glass, and the twin drawing rooms. These are linked by double doors that slide into the partition wall to increase the sense of space. Both rooms have full-height french windows that open on the verandah.

"The masterstroke has been to glaze in the verandah, introducing sections of glass in the tent-like roof that bring in extra light above the bay windows. Curved glass specially made in Nottingham preserves the graceful lines.

"The dining room is newly hung with French panoramic wallpapers, printed from the 200-year-old blocks. They are in grisaille – grey and white – and portray lively horse racing scenes in England and Italy.

"There are three large en-suite bedrooms, two with bay windows and sea views, the third with its own small sitting room and study. Behind the house there is an elevated back garden and arbour, another perfect place for outdoor parties."



FRENCHES: The Sandgate property caught the roving eye of the Times newspaper



GOING WILD: Konik horses are helping control the vegetation at Gibbin's Brook in Sellindge

## Wild horses for water courses

TWO Konik horses can be seen grazing the vegetation at Gibbin's Brook, near Sellindge, to help maintain the boggy areas and heathland of the special wetland site.

White Cliffs Countryside Project (WCCP) volunteers have laid boardwalks for a new circular pathway at the brook, where visitors can enjoy the flora and fauna in addition to the horses.

Gibbin's Brook is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and protected as a site of national importance for wildlife, such as the southern marsh orchids which grow there.

If the site was not grazed, shrubs and trees would continue to spread and shade out the rare plants.

Gibbin's Brook is in Brook Lane, off Swan Lane. For more information, call the WCCP on 01304 241806.

## Airport boss dismayed by growth plan details leak

FROM FRONT PAGE

down and will have to continue to wait until July 1, as previously arranged, despite the leaked information.

He said: "It's so frustrating not knowing exactly what's going on. The council officers have got us trapped, with everything being so unclear.

"The most important thing with any application is it's got to be seen to be fair.

"The council have had 85 per cent of the information they needed from us for a year and the rest of it in March and yet we are being given just seven days between the time we see the report and the vote on July 9 to study the recommendations."

Mr Spink stressed that if the growth plans are rejected he would appeal the case.

"The economic case for development at Lydd is compelling and I'm confident the lasting benefits our proposals will deliver for people living in Shepway and the wider Kent area will be recognised," he said.

## Marsh named in flood risk report

SHEPWAY is one of the areas most at risk from flooding in the UK, according to an alarming new report from the Environment Agency.

It states that 9,065 properties are at risk from rising water – the sixth highest figure in Britain. Most at risk is Boston in Lincolnshire, with 23,700 buildings deemed in danger.

The agency states that funding for projects to protect communities from flooding needs to double to £1 billion annually by 2035.

Without that, it says, economic damage valued at £4bn per year could be considered normal. The most at-risk areas locally are the low-lying parts of Romney Marsh.

Sea defences have been strengthened at some points along the coastline, but the agency insists more needs to be done.

The agency's report – which looks ahead more than 70 years – used information from the Government's projections of UK climate impacts.

"The latest climate change data show the risk of flooding and coastal erosion will continue to increase in future due to rising sea levels and more frequent and heavy storms,"

said agency chairman Chris Smith.

"There are important decisions for us all to take about how to manage these risks to protect people, communities, businesses and the economy."

The climate impact projections concluded that every part of the UK was likely to receive more winter rainfall by 2080. This could be as much as 20 per cent more in some regions.

### Overwhelm

The agency is also concerned that rising sea levels may overwhelm defences unless they are strengthened.

The report claims about one-sixth of the country's electricity infrastructure is on floodplains.

A year ago, the Pitt Review looked at flood-preparedness and concluded major improvements were needed at local and national level.

Sir Michael Pitt said it was "absolutely not acceptable" that residents were forced out of their homes for more than a year by flood damage as has happened recently.

But he did not name the cost of improved flood protection, which is what the Environment Agency has now stated.

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# Celebrating our heroic Gurkhas



FOLKESTONE is showing the way forward for Britain in its adoption of the Gurkhas, according to actress and campaigner Joanna Lumley.

She said the town was a spearhead for community relations as 10,000 people turned out last week to watch the Nepalese warriors being given the Freedom of Folkestone.

"A wonderful day for Britain" is how she described the event.

Praising the soldiers, who have just returned from an arduous tour of Afghanistan's Helmand Province, the actress turned-champion-of-their-rights, praised the people of the town for welcoming them into the community.

Ms Lumley – who spearheaded the campaign to allow them full rights to stay in

■ BY NICK AMES

Britain – said it was right to applaud "these remarkable men and their families".

She told the crowd: "This is a wonderful day for Britain. You are the spearhead of how this country can welcome people, how this country can recognise a debt of honour.

"This is the day of sunshine, of smiles, of welcome, of celebration of the Gurkhas and Folkestone. Together forever in our hearts.

"This is Britain at its best, it is Gurkhas at their best. It makes me immensely proud to be part of this country."

The assembled spectators responded with a chorus of "Hip, hip, hooray".

The members of the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles had paraded along The Leas and through the town under blue skies.

The troops wore their desert combat fatigues with dress uniform wide-brimmed hats as they observed the formal drill marching patterns impeccably.

The thousands of spectators who lined the route roared their approval as the Nepalese soldiers were told from now on they could "march through the town on ceremonial occasions, bands playing, bugles sounding and banners flying".

A salute to local dignitaries and a soldier in a wheelchair carrying away a scroll confirmed the honour.

Looking absolutely fabulous in black shirt decorated with an ornamental kukri (Gurkha knife) brooch, black-and-green skirt and boots, Ms Lumley said the day showed how the UK could welcome people from different countries and cultures.

Earlier she had been cheered loudly by

crowds as she made her way to the podium.

One woman called out "Where's Patsy?" and the actress replied "I've left her at home for the day".

Ms Lumley, whose father served with the 6th Gurkha Rifles, then spoke about her tireless campaign on behalf of the soldiers and their families.

"I never thought we'd see this day," she said. "But it's come. All things come together. It's a fantastic day, but it was all a roller-coaster. We never knew what was coming from one day to the next.

"The low point was when the original legislation [to not allow all Gurkhas the right to live in the UK after military service] was brought in – the high point was Parliament overturning it."

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sented them with the freedom of the town and said Folkestone had taken the Gurkhas to its heart.

MP Michael Howard also attended the ceremony and called it "Folkestone at its best" as he looked at a floral tribute in the form of a crossed kukri badge which had been planted on The Leas.

He said: "We have a special bond. Folkestone has taken this opportunity to recognise the excellent service performed for our country.

"Relationships with the Gurkha community could hardly be better."

The MP, who is to step down at the next election, said: "This will be one day I shall cherish and remember."

Among the crowd was Jill Robinson, whose father Jack Wire fought with the Nepalese troops in the Second World War.

She said: "I came for a family tribute – for my father, really. He fought with them in the Far East. He would have loved this day had he still been alive.

"He would have been in the front cheering as loudly as he could. How they deserve this honour!"

The soldiers were then presented with medals at the barracks, recognising their role in fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Among those honoured were three soldiers who suffered severe injuries in the conflict and are now in wheelchairs. Riflemen Kushal Limbu, Vishal Rai and Anil Gurung were all maimed during the tour.

Rfi Limbu lost both his legs in a bomb attack on a Warrior armoured vehicle which killed his comrade Colour Sergeant Krishna Dura. He said: "I feel very lucky I am still



here – it was very kind of so many people to turn out. I was very pleased to see Joanna Lumley."

Before the medal ceremony, tributes were paid in Nepali to Ctr Sgt Dura, Rfi Yubraj Rai and Corporal Kumar Pun, who were also killed in the fighting.

Salutations were read out in the soldiers' native tongue before The Last Post was played and a minute's silence was then observed.

The families of those who died attended the ceremony and were presented with honours by General Sir David Richards, who is soon to take over as head of the Army.

The General, who is Commander in Chief Land Forces and Colonel Commandant of the Gurkhas, then inspected the parade, presented the campaign medals and spoke to soldiers about their experiences.

When told some of the soldiers on parade had already received their medals, he said "We have so many heroes here today".

The soldiers had organised a day of celebration on the football field and rugby pitch of their barracks for after their parade.

There was a real family feel as food was cooked and soldiers took part in tug-of-war competitions and impromptu golf.

Some 630 members of the unit – known as 2RGR – deployed to Afghanistan in October last year. They were involved in a number of roles, including working with the Afghan police and army, securing the district centre of Musa Qaleh and manning patrol bases just a few hundred yards from areas in which insurgents operated.

They were particularly valued because of their affinity with locals and ability to speak and understand Afghan dialects. During the tour they were involved in fierce and prolonged battles.

As they relaxed, the soldiers said how pleased they were at the reception given to them and how proud they felt that Folkestone's residents had been so appreciative of them and their efforts on behalf of Britain.

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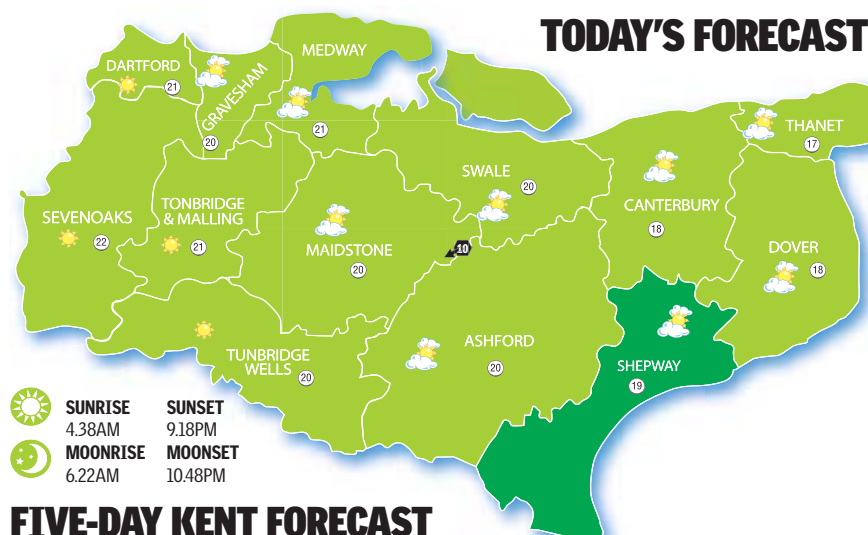
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| Chatham    | Saturday | 5:01pm | 6.0m |
|            | Sunday   | 5:50pm | 5.9m |
| Dover      | Saturday | 3:29pm | 6.6m |
|            | Sunday   | 4:16pm | 6.5m |
| Dungeness  | Saturday | 3:13pm | 7.5m |
|            | Sunday   | 4:04pm | 7.2m |
| Ramsgate   | Saturday | 3:59pm | 5.1m |
|            | Sunday   | 4:46pm | 4.9m |
| Sheerness  | Saturday | 4:51pm | 5.7m |
|            | Sunday   | 5:39pm | 5.6m |
| Whitstable | Saturday | 4:54pm | 5.3m |
|            | Sunday   | 5:40pm | 5.2m |

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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| Amsterdam  | 17°C | Madrid     | 31°C |
| Athens     | 30°C | New York   | 22°C |
| Barcelona  | 23°C | Paris      | 18°C |
| Beijing    | 30°C | Rome       | 26°C |
| Bombay     | 32°C | Sydney     | 19°C |
| Cape Town  | 14°C | Tenerife   | 26°C |
| Cardiff    | 19°C | Tokyo      | 25°C |
| Gibraltar  | 23°C | Vancouver  | 18°C |
| Hong Kong  | 32°C | Warsaw     | 14°C |
| Las Palmas | 29°C | Wellington | 10°C |

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| Ashford    | 20°C | 20°C | 21°C | 22°C | 22°C | Gravesend     | 22°C | 21°C | 23°C | 23°C | 24°C |
| Canterbury | 18°C | 18°C | 20°C | 21°C | 22°C | Maidstone     | 21°C | 20°C | 22°C | 23°C | 23°C |
| Chatham    | 18°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C | Ramsgate      | 18°C | 18°C | 20°C | 21°C | 22°C |
| Dartford   | 22°C | 21°C | 23°C | 23°C | 24°C | Rochester     | 18°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C |
| Dover      | 17°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C | Sevenoaks     | 20°C | 19°C | 21°C | 21°C | 22°C |
| Faversham  | 18°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C | Sittingbourne | 18°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C |
| Folkestone | 17°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C | Tonbridge     | 21°C | 21°C | 23°C | 23°C | 23°C |
| Gillingham | 18°C | 17°C | 19°C | 20°C | 20°C | Tun Wells     | 21°C | 21°C | 23°C | 23°C | 23°C |

## Extra ferry set to boost passenger numbers on Dover to Boulogne route

A FAST-FERRY shuttle service between Dover and Boulogne could be on the horizon for the port's newest ferry firm.

Just days after bosses celebrated the official launch of their high-speed service onboard the Norman Arrow catamaran, suggestions of introducing another fast vessel on to the Dover Strait were floated.

The idea will be looked at by officials from next year, along with expansion of services with the current ship.

Nick Stevens, spokesman for LD Lines, said: "We'll be looking at the Norman Arrow and how we can expand it, but we'll certainly also look at what position we're in with regards to other fast-ferries."

"We're confident this type of travel works, so from 2010 we'll be looking at our sailing figures and the options available. The company is considering a shuttle service for passengers between Dover and Boulogne."

### Frequently

LD Lines runs four crossings with the Norman Arrow, but if another catamaran was brought in, tourists, coaches, foot passengers and freight could cross the Channel frequently throughout the day.

Mr Stevens said: "It could be a kind of turn-up-and-go service. Or if passengers miss their ferry they won't have to wait long for another one."

A ship is under construction in Tasmania, Australia, where the Norman Arrow was built, and if plans go ahead it could be the second high-speed vessel on the Channel.

The current ship is the first of its kind on the Dover Strait, offering high-speed travel not only for car and foot passengers but freight, coaches and motorhomes.

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Q&A

**Q** What has been the highlight of your career so far?

**A** Am I allowed two, please? One was hosting The Prince's Trust Concert at Wembley live on BBC One. I got to meet HRH before the concert and then introduce big stars like Annie Lennox and Take That. I'm still an ambassador for the trust. And landing the job on Heart was pretty exciting and an ambition fulfilled.

**Q** How did it feel to be the first person voted off I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here in 2006?

**A** To be honest, I was starting to lose the plot after two weeks of no food, boredom and David Gest's snoring! I'd had enough. Then I got to stay longer than anyone else in the very swish Versace Hotel, so I couldn't complain!

**Q** What are you aiming to achieve with your Heart 103.1 & 102.8 show?

**A** I just want people to stay tuned in after the brilliant James and Gemma, who do the breakfast show, and enjoy the music. There'll be something for everyone on the show, including Take That tickets for their sold-out tour!

**Q** What time do you get to the studio each day and how much preparation goes into a typical show?

**A** I rock up at the Heart studios at around 8am, grab a bowl of porridge, have a cup of tea, browse through the papers and chat through stuff with my producer. Whether it's

what time we're giving away tickets, who's going to be on Emma Bunton's Saturday show, or what new tunes we're going to be playing.

**Q** You're an ambassador for the Prince's Trust - what is the most inspirational story you have encountered?

**A** Last year I met an amazing young woman who'd overcome a harsh childhood. She'd gone on to set up her own business. She had a wonderful manner about her despite what she'd gone through as a kid.

**Q** Are you a regular visitor to Kent and if so where do you like to go?

**A** One of my favourite places is Canterbury. I love the old town with its quaint alleys, shops and cafés. I also have fond memories of Tunbridge Wells from when I did panto there in 2000. It's a great place and the people were very welcoming.

**Q** What kind of music do you listen to and are you tipping any new acts to make an impact this year?

**A** Right now, I'm loving everything from Daniel Merriweather, Lily Allen and Dizzy Rascal to some good old-school stuff from the likes of Madonna and Luther Vandross.

**Q** What has been the strangest thing you have ever done in the name of entertainment?

**A** Taken part in The All Star Talent Show on Channel Five. I tried to get through a

dance routine on live TV, thought I'd made a proper bodge of it, but then won the show.

**Q** What did you want to do when you were growing up?

**A** I really wanted to be a pilot in the Royal Navy flying fighter jets. But being short-sighted put an end to that. Then all I wanted was to be a radio DJ. I started on hospital radio when I was 14 and went from there.

**Q** You worked as a children's BBC presenter, but with the number of channels on air now, do you think children's TV presenters will ever be as famous as they once were?

**A** It will never be quite the same as it was. When we did it, the big thing was being on for a few minutes on BBC One every afternoon just before Neighbours, when you had ten million people seeing you every day. It's not even a quarter of that now.

**Q** Who is the most famous person on your mobile phone's contact list?

**A** I don't really have many. Myleene Klass, Jason Donovan...

**Q** Who is your hero?

**A** Tony Blackburn.

• Toby started his daily show on Heart 103.1 and 102.8 at 10am on Monday.

Heart presenter Toby Anstis spoke to Gareth Arnold about his plans for his show, his time in the broom cupboard and the inspirational people he has met during his role as an ambassador for the Prince's Trust

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| JULY       |                                  | ADULT  | CHILD  | JULY       |   | ADULT  | CHILD  |
|------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|---|--------|--------|
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| Sat 4th    | Lille                            | £31.00 | £27.00 | Sun 26th   | Drusillas   | £25.00 | £19.50 |
| Mon 6th    | Afternoon Cite Europe            | £13.00 | £10.00 | Thurs 30th | Boulogne  | £23.00 | £18.00 |
| Wed 8th    | Montreuil by Ferry               | £25.00 | £23.00 | Fri 31st   | Chessington World Of Adventures, Zoo & Sealife Centre | £35.00 | £29.00 |
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| Mon 20th   | St Omer by Ferry                 | £23.00 | £18.00 |            |   |        |        |
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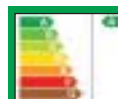
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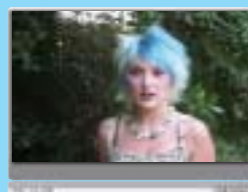
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# Censored list 'proves MPs just don't get it'

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

A COMPLETE overhaul of the MP expenses system and greater honesty is needed if the public is to trust politicians again, a leading pressure group has claimed.

A heavily censored list of all MPs' expenses was published on the parliamentary website on Thursday.

Huge amounts of information, including details of what some of the cash was spent on, addresses of second homes and names of staff, have been blacked out.

Government sources say this is to protect sensitive information and ensure confidentiality for people not connected to politics. But campaigners argue this secrecy conceals practices such as 'flipping' of second homes. They argue the latest cover-up will only add to the mistrust felt by voters towards their representatives.

Amid thousands of pages of receipts for office supplies, hotel, phone and utility bills and claims for everyday items which can rightly be claimed under the allowance scheme, several Kent MPs can be said to have submitted a lot of odd claims.

Sittingbourne and Sheppey's Derek Wyatt made headlines last month when it was revealed he had claimed 75 pence for a Scotch egg.

His expenses for 2004-2008 also include a claim, just before Christmas 2005, for an eclectic assortment of books bought from Amazon.

These were a travel guide to Warsaw, The Rough Guide to Slovenia and a hardback edition of Diana, Princess of Wales – totalling £39.

Former Tory leader Michael Howard's £17,000 spending on gardening was reported



**LISTED:** Michael Howard (left) had £17,000 gardening expenses and Tory colleague Julian Brazier claimed for fruity tea

at the start of the month. Between 2004 and 2008 the Folkestone and Hythe MP hired The Turned Worm Gardening Company in Hythe and another gardener to work on his property.

Mr Howard denied any wrongdoing, insisting this was for general maintenance and gardening.

His claims also show one for a king-size luxury mattress, costing £569, in March 2004.

The biggest revelation to come from Canterbury MP Julian Brazier's 'blacked-out' expense claims is his taste for fruity tea.

One claim made in January last year asks to be reimbursed for two packets of Waitrose China Green Lemon, priced at £2.10 each.

Maidstone and the Weald's Ann Widdecombe made expenses claims as strait-laced as you might expect from one of the Commons' most respected operators.

The same goes for Thanet North Tory Roger Gale and his Thanet South Labour counterpart Dr Steve Ladyman.

Ashford's Damien Green and Faversham and



Mid-Kent's Hugh Robertson are equally frugal with their claims.

The 'Taxpayers' Alliance campaigner Mark Wallace thinks the obscured published expenses have proven Parliament "just doesn't get it".

He said: "We are very angry, to say the least. We know that second-home addresses are crucial to exposing the practice of flipping, yet these have been blacked out. We also know that finding out names of people who work for MPs will tell us everything we need to know about nepotism, if there's any going on."

Mr Wallace said his group had nothing against MPs claiming expenses to pay for accommodation and work away from home, as it is part of the job.

"We think this whole scandal has meant the end of the idea of allowance for our MPs, as it used to be", he said. "We even think that accommodation, owned by the Government, should be used for MPs working away from home."

Visit [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk) to see the list.

## Drug warning is on the wall for clubbers

AN ANTI-DRUGS campaign using giant illuminated warnings has won the backing of a mother whose daughter died after snorting contaminated cocaine.

Haniska Pett, 20, of Gravesend, died in October last year after a night out with friends which saw her take a mixed dose of the Class A drug.

Grieving mother Angela Pett says a Kent Police drive to keep young people off drugs – which includes powerful messages being beamed on to walls of pubs and clubs throughout the county, is the perfect antidote to drug abuse.

She said: "Haniska's death has left a huge gaping hole in all our lives. I am sure she had no idea that the cocaine she was taking was mixed with another drug that would cause her death."

"Beaming these messages in public places will reach those who need it most and help save lives."

Superintendent Neil Jerome, from Kent Police, said: "People waiting in queues will see the projector which shows warnings about the dangers of illegal drugs and gives advice on where to get help and support."

"The projectors offer us much more scope for interacting with local communities. People walking through a town centre at night will see the messages during their night out."

"It is more effective than handing out leaflets which many people socialising in the evening do not want to carry around."

The projectors and 30ft messages were used in Maidstone last week, when they were beamed on to the side of Maidstone Crown Court buildings as part of National Tackling Drugs Week.



**DEAD:** Haniska Pett was just 20 when she took a lethal dose

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# You'd be a fool to miss this gooseberry treat

**Celebrity chef Richard Phillips brings us the latest in his series of articles backing our local food campaign**

With the longest day upon us and thoughts turning to summer holidays and whether we will enjoy long, lazy days basking in the sun or watch endless rain falling from the sky, I thought it would be a good idea to have some recipes using traditional staple foods.

As the months pass from spring into summer and the basket from [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) changes, it's great to see the impact of the changing seasons on the contents.

We can also see the diversity of what Kent has to offer and reflect on how it is easy to forget some of the joys which can come from foods that we often overlook or take for granted.

Right now we are getting some fabulous Dover sole and this can make a tasty meal when accompanied with fresh broad beans, peas and thinly sliced pancetta to bring out the subtle flavours of the fish.

Pancetta is simply pork belly which has been salt cured and dried for about three months and spiced with a variety of flavours such as garlic, fennel, and nutmeg and dried ground hot peppers. It works ever so well with the fish and any pasta or casserole dish. If you don't like Dover sole you can substitute



any flatfish such as plaice, lemon sole or John Dory. Last month we had strawberries in our basket and another unique-tasting British fruit is available in this month's: the gooseberry. Gooseberries make a fantastic summer dessert and can be the ideal complement to those warm summer evenings watching the sun go down.

The recipe is another classic, a gooseberry fool. The important thing to remember for this dish is to use nicely ripened

gooseberries, but if you can't get hold of them fresh then frozen will suffice. Both recipes are simple to make and will awaken your taste buds to a mixture of subtle and nostalgic flavours.

The great thing about cooking for me, whether it is at one of my restaurants at Chapel Down, the Hengist, Thackeray's or even home, is ensuring I use everyday locally grown products where possible.

I am often amazed that customers are surprised by the delicacy and range of flavours; and yes, part of the reason for that success is in the preparation and use of complementary ingredients, but the freshness and quality of the produce is a huge factor. Many people want to know how to recreate the dishes we serve and hopefully by providing these recipes it is a simple way to give you a chance to do this.

But for those of you who have been bitten by the cooking bug and want to know more, I run a couple of cookery schools.

These are great opportunities to show you how you can create stunning tasty meals for special occasions, as well as offering fantastic tips which you can use every day in your kitchen.

You can find out more information about the cookery schools and how to get involved by logging onto my website at [www.richardphillipschapeldown.co.uk](http://www.richardphillipschapeldown.co.uk) and clicking on the private cookery class button.

Hopefully many of you are now getting your fresh delivery from the guys at [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk) and some of you have even tried the recipes I have been writing about here.

I'd love to hear from you telling me about your cooking successes or failures, so please feel free to email me at [richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk).

Also, if you have any food or cooking related questions and I'll definitely get back to you.

*Richard Phillips*

## Pan fried fillets of Dover sole served with braised peas and pancetta

Serves 4  
2 x med sized Dover sole, filleted x 4 pieces and skinned  
400g fresh peas  
200g fresh broad beans  
Thinly sliced pancetta (cooked until crisp)  
Pea cress to garnish  
For the sauce  
1 x banana shallot, finely chopped  
150ml dry white wine  
100g pancetta cut into lardons (small, chunky cubes)  
Good pinch of chopped chervil (to finish)  
25ml white wine vinegar  
100ml double cream  
Half a lemon



In a small sauté pan, warm up a little olive oil, add the diced shallot and cook with a little colour until tender.

Add the pancetta and cook until crisp and a golden brown colour is achieved, deglaze with the white wine and vinegar, and reduce by about two thirds.

Add the peas and broad beans, cook for 1-2 minutes, add the stock and cook for a further 5mins, then add the double cream and continue cooking until a sauce consistency is achieved (2-3mins), season. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and then add the chopped chervil.

Place the lightly floured sole fillets into a pre-heated non-stick pan, colour slightly then add a knob of butter and cook on both sides for 2-3mins until golden brown.

To serve place the peas in the centre of a bowl with the fish on top, spoon over the sauce and garnish with pea cress leaves and crisp pancetta.

## Gooseberry fool

Serves 6  
200g fresh gooseberries  
150g caster sugar  
200ml double cream

Gently cook the gooseberries with 50g of the sugar, taking care that they do not go mushy. Set aside a little of the cooking juices. Whip the cream together with the remaining sugar

Divide the gooseberries between six glasses, spoon over the cream and drizzle with the reserved cooled cooking juices.



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Hello! I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoys cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **1**

### GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

### UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'8", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524 **1**

## ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552 **2**

## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, two kids. Looking for new friends and hopefully someone special. Box 446039 **2**

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## CALL ME

Happy but shy girl of 37, loves all the normal things in life, seeks a mature guy, hoping for something lasting and meaningful. Boxhill-on-Sea. Box 452424 **1**

## BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **2**

## SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010 **2**

## ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! Likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **1**

## THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **2**

## A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **2**

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## JOINED AT THE HIP

Sociable petite girl with great SOH, 40, blonde, sociable, love football! Looking for fun guy with great SOH for inseparable partnership. Box 880434 **2**

## BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **2**

## FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **2**

## NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 **2**

## A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTm a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 **2**

## A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easysgoing blonde animal lover, 41, easysgoing and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a lovely, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 **2**

## ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796 **2**

## I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **2**

## COSY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545 **2**

## ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTm mixed race/blonde, to share good times with. Box 451819 **2**

## A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in, looking for companionship and more. Box 880090 **2**

## YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 **2**

## GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre, Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **2**

## ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trust-worthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469 **2**

## THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **2**

## COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft4, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **2**

## LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTm a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 **2**

## DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448652 **2**

## FANCY A FILM?

Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626 **2**

## SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne, 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **2**

## ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal male 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **2**

## IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easysgoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **2**

## 2'S COMPANY

Seeking gent, 46-50ish. I'm a divorced woman in Ryde, 47, work in nursing and WLTm someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503 **2**

## MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489 **2**

## DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 446566 **2**

## WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **2**

## NEVER TOO LATE

Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ft5, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329 **2**

## CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452692 **2**

## SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579 **2**

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Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 **2**

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## JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easysgoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **2**

## SHARE LIFE

Caring woman of 52, normal, down-to-earth, open minded and loves to give, looking for an understanding and caring female to enjoy films, walks and more. Box 452463 **2**

## TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Average female, 53, 5ft4, slim/medium build, GSOH, enjoys most things in life, WLTm fun-loving man for friendship, maybe more. Box 878982 **2**

## COMPANIONSHIP LAUGHTER, MORE

Curvy, cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 448452 **2**

## DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448652 **2**

## FULL OF LIFE

Friendly Mike, 34, 6ft9, big build, clean shaven, GSOH, likes music, swimming, walks, looking for a lovely bubbly lady, 38-48, for a friendship. Box 452817 **2**

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 **2**

## UP FOR IT?

Maidstone male, 33, 6ft, muscular, GSOH, fair hair/blue eyes, likes Thai boxing, pubs, having fun, cosy nights in, household hop music, WLTm loving, attractive, slim female. Box 452397 **2**

## TRY ME

Down-to-earth, laid back guy, a father of 2, 5ft7, 35, brown eyes, shaved head. I enjoy eating out, swimming, films and family time. Box 451418 **2**

## MAKE YOUR MARK

Attractive single father, 35, 5ft7, brown eyes, medium build, shaved head, likes to go to parks, swimming, the usual. Seeking lady to share good times. Box 452143 **2**

## SENSE OF HUMOUR A MUST!

Big Mike here! I'm 35, 6ft8, blue eyes, great sense of humour. I don't smoke or drink and I'm looking for a big, bubbly woman. Box 452560 **2**

## LOOKING FOR YOU!

Tall, dark and handsome! I'm a 35yr old guy, 5ft11 and enjoy most things in life, drinks out, quiet nights in etc. Box 452397 **2**

## THE BUZZ

Happy easysgoing man, 37, 6ft4, brown hair/green eyes, enjoys pubs, restaurants and gym, looking for a girl to take out and entertain. Tunbridge Wells. Box 452421 **2**

## GET ME OUTTA HERE!

Loyal, trustworthy, honest family man, 37, independent, stocky, 5ft6, non-smoker, VCSOH, thoughtful, aware of others people's feelings, with morals/standards. Aquarian. Seeking similar loving lady. Box 879755 **2**

## LOOKING FOR A BIKER LADY!

Interests: music, bikes, cars, travel, cosy nights in. I'm male, 38, kind, genuine, down-to-earth, loving, 5ft9, slim, shaved head, blue eyes. WLTm wine, biker lady. Box 451302 **2**

## HOP IN!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTm a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124 **2**

## FULL MARKS

Hi I'm Andrew, 38, 6ft3, dark hair, blue eyes, hardworking guy, friendly, tactile & outgoing, likes enjoying life, WLTm easysgoing female for friendship/relationship. Box 443488 **2**

## TAKE A CHANCE

Fun-loving guy with 2 kids, 39, friends say I'm good-looking, seeking a lovely and nice woman to start something special with. Box 452351 **2**

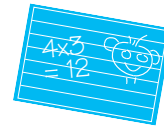
## TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care and address and help people with mental health issues, looking for a similar, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 **2**

## THE WIT TO WOO

Handsome male, 37, 6ft4, blond hair, blue eyes, looking to slowly rediscover the finer things





# Top students building on good attitude

■ BY MARIJKE COX

CONSTRUCTION students from South Kent College have been commended for their work at an annual awards presentation.

Principal Monica Box praised the winners for their dedication and said their success came down to more than just aptitude.

In her speech she said: "We're celebrating your attitude. Every tutor has singled out your approach, your hard work, your commitment. These personal skills are the ones that employers are looking for and they will give you a critical edge when you are looking for employment."

The ceremony at the Kingsnorth Hall on the Folkestone campus saw five students from Dover collect prizes for their work.

Carl Wheeler, from Whitfield, won the carpentry and joinery apprentice of the year award, sponsored by Jenner.

His tutor Mark Sayer said: "Carl has good trade knowledge and has shown great depth to this with his constructive comments."

Daniel Curry, from St Margaret-at-Cliffe, scooped the painting and decorating prize.

He was nominated by tutor Mark Thompson, who said: "Daniel is always willing to listen and is meticulous and methodical about his coursework."

James Elliott, from River, won the outstanding electrical apprentice of the year, which is sponsored by City Electrical.

His tutor Ray Denne described him as highly motivated and conscientious.

Mr Denne said: "To date, James has achieved distinction in all his technical certificate examinations and assignments."



AWARD TIME: Carl Wheeler with principal Monica Box

The multi-crafts student of the year, sponsored by Mansell, was awarded to Craig Smith, from Napier Road, Dover.

Tutor Julie Knight said: "Craig is hard-working and always willing to help other students. His attendance and punctuality are excellent and he is a model student."

The final Dover award went to Dan Corrin, of Barton Road, who scooped the BTEC higher national certificate student of the year for a second-year student.

His tutor Chris Crofts said Dan always produced first-class work and went that little bit further to ensure his work shone.

## Dramatic re-telling of classic fairy tales

DRAMA students at Dover College have put on a show for parents and pupils.

Year seven and eight classes performed The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel And Gretel and Cinderella to the junior school in a dress rehearsal.

Parents were then treated to a performance, with a twist of humour and fear.

A spokesman at the school said: "This could not have happened without the hard work of the head of drama, Miss Single, and head of English, Mr Scates."



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## BREAK TIME

## No sleeping on the job at charity day

CHILDREN at Dover College have worn their pyjamas to school to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Pupils on the school council came up with the idea and parents also donned their sleepwear for a celebration assembly.

Mrs Miller, head of infants and juniors, said: "I was particularly impressed that parents were so keen to get involved. It is testament to the community spirit of Dover College."





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HEART is here! To celebrate the launch of the brand new radio station for Kent, we've teamed up with Heart 103.1 & 102.8 to give away a pair of exclusive tickets to see Take That live on stage at London's Wembley Stadium in their current sold-out Circus tour!

You could be off to see Gary, Mark, Howard and Jason live at Wembley on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, performing all their hit songs you love, including Greatest Day, Pray, Back for Good, Shine, Never Forget, Patience and many, many more. The £10 million Circus tour has already enjoyed massive critical acclaim – and you could be there to experience it yourself!

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Your Local Take That Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. The closing date is June 25, 2009.

**Question:** Which song includes the lyrics "Got your lipstick marks still on your coffee cup"?

- A. Back for Good
- B. Never Forget
- C. Greatest Day

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Heart 103.1 & 102.8 hit the airwaves at 6am on Monday, June 22. Playing the best variety of music, Heart features all your favourite presenters including James and Gemma alongside well-known personalities such as Toby Anstis, Emma Bunton and Jason Donovan, plus music shows including Club Classics and Heartbreakers. Heart also gives you access to the world's biggest artists and bands, there'll be exclusive showbiz interviews and bigger competitions, giveaways and concert tickets!

James and Gemma will present Heart Breakfast every weekday morning from 6am, say: "What better way to launch Heart in Kent than to give away tickets to see one of the world's biggest bands live on stage in the most exciting tour of the year! Take That's Circus tour is sold-out so we're thrilled to team up with Yourlocal papers to give away this exclusive pair of tickets to one very lucky reader!"

For more chances to win tickets to see Take That on their Circus tour, tune into Heart 103.1 & 102.8 all this week and listen out for the competition "Ten seconds to Take That". You can also win online at [heart.co.uk](http://heart.co.uk).

### Heart broadcasts on 103.1 & 102.8.

**Terms & conditions:** The tickets are valid for to see Take That at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. They cannot be exchanged or transferred to another performance/artist and there is no cash alternative to the prize.

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# yourshepwayblogger

According to a recent survey, our DNA is behind what we really like to eat

## Is getting back to local food a taste of things to come?

LOCAL produce is all the rage these days, with everyone saying that buying food and drink made in your area helps the local economy, makes farmers' lives better and keeps the corner shop open.

Kent has a lot going for it in this way – excellent local beer and wine, succulent Romney Marsh lamb, delicious Whitstable oysters, fresh fish from the Channel and cabbages from Thanet.

Then there's always Faversham cherries, Biddenden cider and Dover turkeys.

But recently we've been told it's not enough to just like your local food. A new survey claims it's embedded in our DNA and varies according to where in the country you're from.

And apparently choices are often determined by the part of the tongue that picks up preferred tastes.

The survey was carried out for the Costa Coffee shop chain by food psychologist Greg Tucker, who said "Taste dialect would be a good way to describe it".

For example, people living in the North East like food tasted on the tip of the tongue such as that well-known Hull delicacy chips and bits – scrapings of overcooked fish batter.

And we're told the reason for this is because the region has a history of hungry industrial workers demanding instant sustenance.

On the opposite coast they relish 'comforting' sweet flavours like hotpot and Vimto pop.

Actually, I think that might be true. I have relatives in Manchester and they both enjoy those tastes – along with dandelion and burdock, whatever that is.

Scots like rich, creamy tastes that impact on the back of the tongue such as ice cream and porridge – not to mention Irn-Bru and deep-fried Mars Bars.

Midlanders enjoy curry as this also hits taste buds at the front of the mouth. Those in the

South West like sweet fruit such as apples, which are long associated with the area.

London and the South East have lost their palate due to a huge ethnic mix. But spicy 'foreign' foods have become a favourite.

But maybe because there is probably a better choice of restaurants around, people in the last two areas have a wider choice.

But coming back to regional produce – it does say something that most of the favourite dishes from around Britain are of the stodgy variety.

So let's use the opportunity to praise what we have here – grown on farms and produced by livestock farmers around the county.

All the food I talked about in the opening of this blog is simple, home-made and healthy.

No E-numbers or deep-fried nonsense. No glutenous spices smothering everything – just the products of good agricultural practice and a love of the land from which they came.

Yes, it's official – Kentish people have the best taste in Britain.

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## TALK TIME

### JACQUI BARHAM

Kent's top Ann Summers party organiser talks about how the company has benefited from the credit-crunch and what perks come with the job.



#### Tell us a bit about yourself

I'm 45 years old, I live on the Isle of Sheppey and I have been an Ann Summers unit organiser for the past 13 years. I hold parties and recruit new team members for the whole of Kent.

#### Why did you want to become an Ann Summers rep?

My son Brett was three and I was looking for an evening job that enabled me to be at home with him during the day. I saw a TV programme about Ann Summers, it showed you could earn good money working part-time and evenings and could achieve a company car, so I applied straight away. It has fitted in great.

#### Tell us about being named the Ann Summers unit organiser of the year

I won in 2003, 2004 and 2005 – this goes to the team within the company that produces the most revenue during the past 12 months. You win a luxury holiday – we chose Florida twice and Gran Canaria.

#### How has the credit crunch affected Ann Summers?

It seems that staying in is the new going out. Girls are choosing to have friends round for an Ann Summers party instead of going out. Our sales and bookings are up on last year and we have lots of new ladies joining to help with their family finances, so our whole business is booming.

#### How can people find out about becoming an Ann Summers representative?

Phone 07880 701534, or visit [www.annsummers.com](http://www.annsummers.com).

## YOUR LETTERS

### Carnival donations to help little Hayley

*Letter to shop-owners in Dover:*  
MY name is Mandie Sehmbi and I am director/chairman of DCAL (Miss Dover) Ltd, which runs the annual Dover carnival.

This year's carnival is on Saturday, July 4, and we shall be joined by a very special 10-year-old young lady called Hayley Okines, from Brighton (pictured).



Hayley suffers from an extremely rare genetic condition called Hutchinson Gilford Progeria Syndrome, also known as progeria.

At present there are 45 known cases of progeria around the world and only two in the UK – Hayley and a five-year-old girl called Ashanti.

Progeria is a progressive terminal condition which mimics many of the characteristics of the normal ageing process, but only eight times faster.

A 10-year-old child with progeria will have the appearance of an octogenarian with symptoms including baldness, arthritis and heart problems, but with the mind of a normal 10-year-old.

The average lifespan of a child with progeria is about 13, and at present there is no cure, although Hayley is taking pioneering medication which may help.

Hayley will be attending this



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year's carnival as a guest of Miss Dover and her court, and will be an honorary princess for the day.

We would like to use any money that we raise on our raffle on carnival day to assist Hayley and Ashanti with the huge travel costs they face regularly with having to travel to the US for treatment.

We would be delighted if you would be prepared to donate a raffle prize to be used on the day.

It does not matter how great or small the donated prize is, as every prize counts in helping Hayley and Ashanti.

If the item is suitable for postage, please post it to 49 Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17

ODD, or alternatively I can arrange to collect the item, so phone me on 01304 211776.

In return for your generosity, Dover Carnival will list you as an official carnival sponsor on its new website, [www.freewebs.com/dovercarnival.uk](http://www.freewebs.com/dovercarnival.uk).

I hope you can look favourably on our request and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Mandie Sehmbi  
Director/chairman DCAL

## HGV freight problem will only get bigger

THE future size of lorries passing through Dover, and consequently through Kent, weighs heavily on my mind.

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre reported in May that 60-tonne, 25-metre-long lorry combinations, or 'combis', would be justified on economic and environmental grounds.

Needless to say, I was sceptical. This month, a report by the Fraunhofer Institute in Germany indicates precisely the opposite.

Any short-term improvements in the number of vehicles on the road, or in emissions, would be wiped out within five to 10 years because of the constant increases in movement of freight by road.

Any attempt to present larger lorries as a 'relief' to Dover, or to Kent, should be disregarded.

Kent is experiencing a rise in HGVs running at 7-8 per cent each year and we should make it more expensive to move long-distance freight by road rather than rail.

There is no chance of joined-up climate change and transport policies while this continues.

Caroline Lucas  
Green Party MEP for Kent

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## New 'talent' is a sign of lowered standards

The decision of the BBC to get rid of Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson (last week's paper) is yet another blatant example of the Corporation's dumbing down.

Why is it that intelligent and articulate presenters are removed, while the mumbling drivell of the so-called yooof-orientated 'on-screen talent' is retained?

The BBC's obsession with getting a younger audience is nothing short of a disgrace.

Why get rid of people who actually know what they are doing?

Mike Harris  
by email

## I won't miss pair's nauseating banter

Well done to the BBC for deciding to axe Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson from South East Today – their antics have been truly cringe-making.

I've always been a bit of a local-news nerd – I really couldn't get enough of it – but the increasingly embarrassing performance of these two characters meant I simply couldn't bear to watch their awful programme.

Their nauseous attempts at banter and insistence on making inane remarks about every single

story almost had me reaching for a bucket in which to be sick – how many stories a day did these two sacrifice for their gormless wittering?

Good riddance to this terrible double-act. The only thing that matters now is that the BBC finds someone better – don't mess up again!

Eddie Burrows  
Folkestone

## Someone else was bound to be better

Why does everything have to be down to ageism?

Is it not ageist that the photograph used of Geoff Clark for last week's article was obviously not taken very recently? Or was that for sympathy?

People are far too quick to call for ageism – can it not be coincidence that the people better for the job may indeed be younger than Geoff and Bev?

Sharon  
comment posted on web story

## They were dropped for being useless

Could it be that Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson were axed because they were utterly useless and almost as bad as Meridian's simpering idiots?

M Debens  
comment posted on web story

## Eat strawberries and help to raise money

As we get into the swing of summer, I am writing to ask readers to make the most of it by holding a Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care.

It's the perfect excuse to get together with friends, family or colleagues and serve up strawberry goodies to support the 46,000 people who are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in the UK.

Every penny raised from a strawberry tea will enable Breast Cancer Care to continue providing free support and information to people who have been affected by breast cancer.

I know how vital this is as I lost my daughter Caron to breast cancer when she was just 34.

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Gloria Hunniford  
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FAIRIES, magic and star-crossed lovers abound at Leeds Castle with the return of Shakespeare's Globe.

The company's brand new production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be visiting the beautiful open-air setting next week, continuing the Globe's revived tradition of taking Shakespeare's plays to outdoor venues.

Led by artistic director Dominic Dromgoole, the company now plays in repertory from April to October every year and its productions have rapidly built up an international reputation for excellence.

"The Globe was born out of a touring company culture and that culture remained vital to it while it flourished," Dromgoole said. "We are delighted to be exploring again the

tradition of taking Shakespeare into non-theatrical spaces."

The company's 2007 production of *Romeo & Juliet* was a return to outdoor touring for the Globe after a lapse of nearly 400 years. Shakespeare's original London theatre was closed down by the Puritans in 1642 and demolished two years later. When American actor and director Sam Wanamaker first visited London in 1949, he was disappointed at the lack of a lasting tribute to Shakespeare's legacy. He founded the Shakespeare Globe Trust in 1970 and when the site of the original foundations was discovered at Bankside in the 80s, he was instrumental in bringing about the rebuilding of the theatre.

Foundation work began in 1987 and the construction of the theatre itself commenced in 1993. Sadly Wanamaker, father of actress Zoë, would never see his vision brought to

life - he died of cancer later that year. Shakespeare's Globe opened its doors to the public in 1997, welcoming people into the open-air theatre for the first time in more than 350 years.

It now takes touring productions to audiences around the country and this year's show, directed by Raz Shaw, should be a magical experience in a stunning outdoor setting. Shakespeare's captivating comedy remains a huge favourite with audiences for its sparkling wit, unrequited love and fantasy.

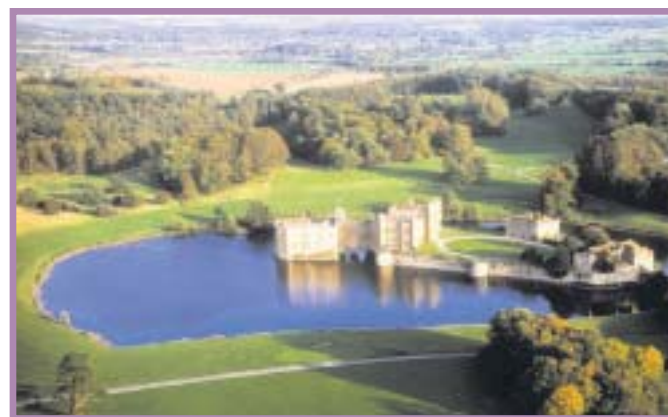
Set in the forests of Athens, the play follows the amusing antics of four young people who find themselves at the mercy of a mischievous fairy. Hermia loves Lysander, but is due to marry Demetrius against her will. When the Duke of Athens orders that the marriage goes ahead, the couple elope and are pursued into the forests by the rejected Demetrius. In turn, he is followed by his devoted admirer Helena, who cannot give up her unrequited love for him.

The quartet stumbles into the midst of the fairy court, at a time when there is unrest between the King and Queen. When a strong love potion and a group of bumbling actors are introduced into the mix, it is a recipe for misunderstandings, unexplained crushes and chaos.

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The pageantry of Tudor England will come to life again as musicians, retainers and the King's lady also visit the castle. Visitors are



invited to step back in time and experience what royal life was like 500 years ago.

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## CHAS 'N' DAVE

Friday, June 26  
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

PERENIALLY popular duo Chas 'n' Dave will be visiting Kent again this week with their inimitable brand of rock and roll.

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As a pianist and guitarist respectively, Chas Hodges and Dave Peacock were already established on the British rock scene of the 60s and early 70s when they got together.

With the help of musician-turned-plumber Mick Burt on drums, they formed the band that was to influence



new rock acts to this day.

The duo has made frequent television appearances and count many contemporary bands among their fans. This concert will include many of their most popular songs such as

Gertcha, The Sideboard Song, Ain't No Pleasing You and Rabbit.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£15.

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## SHEPWAY LEISURE

### Get the right date for dance music event

IN the June 10 edition of YourShepway, it was stated that the Tonedeff dance music event will be taking place on Saturday, August 20.

The event is actually happening on Saturday, August 29, at the Rain Nightclub in Ashford. Tall Paul and Brandon Block, will be manning the decks at this massive inaugural event.

See [www.tonedeff.co.uk](http://www.tonedeff.co.uk) for details.

### Ricky is rocking it back to the 50s and 60s

STEP back in time and relive the glory days of rock 'n' roll with Ricky Fontayne's ultimate tribute show.

Fontayne sings the hits of the 50s and 60s made famous by icons such as Elvis Presley. He will be performing at the Royal British Legion on the Sea Wall at Dymchurch at 8.30pm on Saturday.

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### A key night for all you jazz fans at The Grand

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### Don't fret, there'll be live music at The Firs

ENJOY an evening of live music in the company of acoustic duo Stringfellows.

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Shirley, who with Martin took over the business last July, said: "We pride ourselves on providing seasonal menus.

"With produce sourced as much as possible from local free-range sustainable suppliers we are able to keep the menu varied and fresh.

"We also have a selection of well-kept local and seasonal ales, with ciders and lager and Guinness on draught.

"We offer a warm and hospitable welcome to anyone, whether they are regulars or people just popping in. It all makes for a great atmosphere."

All meals are produced in-house, including pate, chutneys and desserts.

Folk music has just been introduced for Sunday evenings, starting at 7pm, and there is also a barbecue.

Quizzes take place on Wednesdays and Tuesday is steak night.

Martin said: "We are in a rural location in the village of Bekesbourne, but we are just minutes from Canterbury city centre.

"The local railway station is just 200 yards away and trains run from Canterbury through to Dover.

"People are discovering we are very convenient - just one stop on the line from Canterbury East station."

The pub has a side patio and beer garden with well-behaved children made especially welcome. They can choose half-sized port-



The Unicorn in Bekesbourne offers a warm welcome and locally-produced seasonal food

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The pub is open from noon until 3pm and 6-11pm from Monday to Saturday, and noon until 10.30pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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## Good food in historic haunt

### ■ The Walnut Tree

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Now it is a popular village inn with excellent food and drink. Premises include a 40-seater restaurant, public and snug bar and a large family beer garden.

The pub started life as just a timber-framed hut with a thatched roof, but by the 17th century ale was being brewed on the premises.

During the Napoleonic Wars the village was the stronghold of the Aldington Gang – ruthless smugglers who roamed the nearby Romney Marsh area.

The ghost of one such smuggler – George Ransley – is said to haunt the pub, and in the garden is a well, down which a local was thrown after being shot.

The atmosphere just adds to the fine dining on offer – homecooked food, Sunday roasts and sizzling grillstones, which are popular way to prepare the food.

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Cassidy will be at Waterstone's at 1pm on Saturday. Angel Cake is published by Puffin Books, priced at £10.99, and will be available early at the book-signing.

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# Cantona blows his own trumpet on big screen

■ BY KATE WHITING

SEAGULL-related philosophical musings, formidable footballing talent and a dramatic approach to the beautiful game.

The characteristics could only apply to one man: Eric Cantona.

Now the subject of the Ken Loach-directed film *Looking For Eric*, it won't surprise fans to learn that the idea came originally from the larger-than-life Frenchman himself.

In it, Cantona appears in front of depressed United fan Eric Bishop (Steve Evets) and counsels him in his time of need.

Back in France, the 43-year-old has been appearing on the silver screen for more than a decade, but in Britain we're more likely to remember him for that kung fu-style kick at a Crystal Palace fan back in 1995.

Following the incident the footballer compared journalists to "seagulls" following his "trawler" hoping for "sardines" – a statement which revealed the depths of his philosophical mind, and perhaps a slightly unhinged personality.

Cantona spent his ensuing nine-month ban out of trouble and learned to play the trumpet.

"When I was banned for nine months, I needed to focus on something else," he says, in a heavy French accent, when we meet at an elegant London hotel.

"I admire lots Miles Davis and Chet Baker, and I like the sentiment [of the trumpet], so I tried, I learned, I practised for a few months and I stopped after."

During a meeting with *Looking For Eric* writer Paul Laverty, Cantona's secret talent was revealed, laying the groundwork for a surreal scene on the balcony of an inner-city



CHIC: Eric Cantona exudes confidence

block of flats in which Cantona plays the Marseillaise.

The film would probably never have come about but for Cantona and his brothers, who approached Loach with the idea.

"We wrote two pages of a story and wanted to make some kind of movie," says Cantona, exuding confidence and looking effortlessly chic in a grey shirt, with sunglasses dangling from his neck.

"Ken Loach was the first name we thought of, but it was a dream. We met Ken and Paul

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and they read the two pages and said 'Yes, from that we can do something'."

Loach admits he initially thought Cantona's request to meet him was "a joke" but says he would have swum the Channel to meet Eric.

Cantona first appears to distraught postman Eric Bishop in his bedroom. Eric is in pieces after a car accident caused by the thought of meeting the love of his life – his ex-wife Lily – whom he walked out on years earlier.

While the film plays in part like a homage to his career at United, Cantona is adamant that it will appeal to all fans – and even non-fans.

"It's not only a film about the relationship between fans and their idol, it's also a love story, a story of a depressed man who has a difficult relationship with his stepchildren."

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## Time to vote for your top ten Farmers

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The You Say They Play contest drew entries from 143 singers and bands and saw more than 17,000 music fans vote for the semi-finalists, dubbed the Farmer's Fifty.

Now it's up to LOTF ticketholders to whittle that number down to ten.

LOTF's Matt Gough said the competition had been a huge success.

He said: "We're pretty confident that the Farmer's Fifty will feature the most popular and deserving Kentish bands on the circuit."

"Emails will be sent to all ticketholders for Lounge on the Farm 2009 this week, with

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

them holding the key to selecting ten of the final Farmer's Fifty bands."

The semi-finalists include Billy Wears Dresses, Needs Must, Neon Skies, The Deccas, Salvador Charlie and The Razz.

We don't have enough room to print the full 50 hopefuls, but listed right is every third band from the alphabetically-arranged list.

They all hope to securing a place on the Merton Farm three-day bill, alongside the likes of Edwyn Collins, The Horrors, Mr Scruff, Billy Childish and The Musicians of the British Empire, and Dub Pistols.

Lounge runs from Friday to Sunday, July 10-12. Go to [www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthe farm.co.uk).



HOPEFUL: The Deccas are among the bands vying for a slot at Lounge on the Farm

### Selected Farmer's Fifty

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

-  **RIVER COTTAGE: SUMMER'S HERE**  
BBC1, 9pm, Wednesday
-  **QUESTION TIME**  
BBC One, 10.35pm, Thursday

CURLY-haired gardener-turned-cook Hugh Fearnly-Whitshisface is back on our screens for another trip down the road of all things self-sufficient and rustic with his latest programme, *River Cottage Summer's Here*.

I've long since lost count of how many *River Cottage* series there have been, but it's a lot, a helluva lot, and is on its way to becoming something of a British institution.

It's an enviable life he leads, old Hugh.

What some of us wouldn't give for a lifestyle like his, pootling about the West Country in his Land Rover, with little more on his mind than organising a hog roast for his village neighbours, where his next batch of pumpkin soup is coming from, or taking part in a fishing competition to see if he can cook what he can catch – even if it is a pike caught from a murky, muddy river.

In the hands of anyone else, this would come across as patronising and a bit sanctimonious, but Hugh has a geeky enthusiasm that never gets too irritating.

There's always a sense of adventure, too, as he knocks up long-forgotten recipes and experiments with food and produce that many would balk at.

Cooking slugs two weeks ago was maybe a bridge too far, but he may have a point.

We keep being told that the world will soon be in the midst of a food crisis, with barely enough to go round.

Perhaps it is time to try that earwig au gratin after all.



**BACK TO BASICS:** Hugh Fearnley-Whittinghall is back with his popular *River Cottage* series

Special mention must go to *Question Time* at the moment.

It's been in rip-snorting form, helping to further lance the reputations of MPs up and down the land.

Margaret Beckett found it hard to talk the other week due to the booing she received at the hands of a rabid, angry audience.

At the height of the story one show was even brought forward to a prime-time slot to capitalise on the drubbing the panel was set to receive.

It was all rather joyous.

In these times of troubled politics the show is turning out to be ruddy good fun, proving that every cloud really does have a silver lining.

Just don't tell our elected ones, they may well try to claim it back on their expenses.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
**HOME** is where the heart is. Spend this week tackling those odd jobs you've been meaning to get done and dusted. If you've been thinking of introducing a special friend to the family, this is the time to do so. Everyone will get along swimmingly. A new job may force you to cancel plans.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
**YOU** attract admirers like bees to honey. A romance is a possibility. Don't worry what people will say about this; it makes perfect sense to the both of you. It may be wise to keep your distance from somebody who is always on a superiority trip. They will just spoil your fun.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
**YOUR** star is rising on the career front. Don't be surprised if you're rewarded for a job well done. If you're looking for work, you could find it with a company selling luxury goods. You may worry you're not qualified for this position, but don't let others see how you feel.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
**LEAN** on your best friend, lover, or fellow worker when uncertainty sets in. Their encouraging words will help you across the finish line. If you're single, you could meet someone special via an older friend. Going on a date with a group of people will be fun.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
**POSITIVE** feedback on your creative work is music to your ears. Signing a business contract will pay off handsomely. If you're not pleased with the terms you are initially offered, negotiate for a better deal. You could charm the birds from the trees this week.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
**HAVING** a crush on someone gives life a welcome splash of spice, but keep your feelings to yourself for a while. You'll have a welcome opportunity to go public in another few weeks. If you want to buy your own place, now is the time to take the plunge.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
**A CHANCE** to travel could come your way. Take advantage of discounted plane fares and hotel rates. You're very attractive to foreigners right now and may find the love of your life on an overseas trip. When choosing your destination, opt for a country famous for its natural beauty.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
**A GREAT** job offer could be coming your way, opening the door to new career possibilities. The chance to get paid for doing something you love is exhilarating. It may be necessary to act as an apprentice to an older, experienced colleague. Be sure to give them the respect they deserve.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
**YOU** could get a fabulous gift from someone special. Be sure to write a thank you note. A stable job is yours for the asking. The good part about this position is that involves a great deal of creativity. The tough part is that it may take you away from home a little bit more than you had expected.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
**FRIENDS** will give you encouragement and support for a creative project. It's nice to know you have a support team if things go wrong. A letter you've been waiting for finally arrives, and the news is good. This could be your big chance to get additional job training.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
**YOUR** love life sizzles with excitement. Taking a casual romance a step further will be great fun. A lover's laid back approach to lovemaking leaves you breathless with desire. If you suffer from personal hang ups, now is the time to break through to the other side.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
**THE** clouds are finally parting, giving you a welcome opportunity to have fun. This is a lovely time to take a trip, embark on a romance, or launch a creative project. If you've been thinking of starting a family or settling down with someone special, get to work now.

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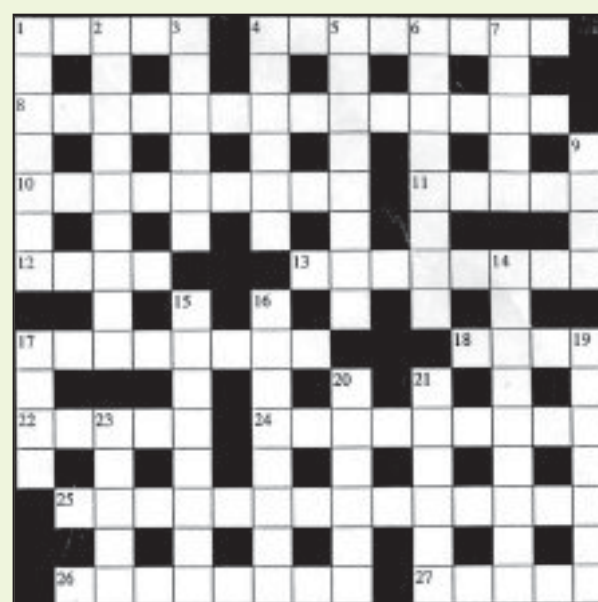
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- 4 Not generous moment during intervening period (8)
- 8 Exercise done after slimming? (4-10)
- 10 Swan in the orchestra? (9)
- 11 Donkey goes round by chasm (5)
- 12 Some more efficient knot (4)
- 13 Gum Irene smeared over cake (8)
- 17 Lout wary about illegality (8)
- 18 Company completed masterstroke (4)
- 22 Brought down to earth (5)
- 24 Being sixteen puzzled engineers (9)
- 25 Number One storyteller (14)
- 26 Bathes in another alcoholic drink! (8)
- 27 Some embargo to be put on slang (5)

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- 1 Spider can be found in dictionary (7)
- 2 Oven vault cooking pastry-case (3-2-4)
- 3 Resort? Reprint (6)
- 4 May, before end of day, become very impressive (6)
- 5 Power of a lawyer? (8)
- 6 Tania included clown stopping short in the country (8)
- 7 Notes perhaps, one is in my possession (5)
- 9 Lady from Ellesmere (4)
- 14 Sufficient reason for putting greedy person next to animal (9)
- 15 Cooking at indoor extravaganza (8)
- 16 It is given as incentive to buy lavish present (4,4)
- 17 All right having mostly raw vegetable (4)
- 19 Buffoon causes jetty to collapse? (7)
- 20 It is used in advertising bells at Christmas (6)
- 21 A dish's upturned layers (6)
- 23 Fat and clumsy young pigeon (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Nippon (5)
- 4 Purity (8)
- 8 News (7,7)
- 10 Yearly statement of income (3,6)
- 11 Quito (anag.) (5)
- 12 IOW resort (4)
- 13 Grass-cutter (8)
- 17 Vehicle frame (8)
- 18 Chilled (4)
- 22 Cross-line to finish a letter (5)
- 24 Odd character (9)
- 25 Former European country (14)
- 26 Boring work (8)
- 27 Enormous (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Sailor (4,3)
- 2 Bleached (9)
- 3 Wanted (6)
- 4 Rustic (anag.) (6)
- 5 Fundamental relationship (8)
- 6 Restful (8)
- 7 Trunk (5)
- 9 Prison (4)
- 14 Scandalmonger (9)
- 15 Insincere (3-5)
- 16 Macabre (8)
- 17 Sunbathe (4)
- 19 Assert (7)
- 20 Isles off Cornwall (6)
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**ACROSS:** 1 Bring 4 Cassette 8 Little by little 10 Sartorial 11 Repay 12 Arum 13 Assassins 17 Sketched 18 Gala 22 Green 24 Anussem 25 Crème de la crème 26 Preceded 27 Lotto. **DOWN:** 1 Belshazz 2 Interlude 3 Gallon 4 Cable 5 Selfless 6 External 7 Tulp 9 Hymn 14 Statement 15 Economic 16 Demanded 17 Sigh 19 Art deco 20 United 21 Pencil 23 Error.





## Lakeside getaway

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

WHEN considering where to go in France, the Jura is one of those regions it would be easy to overlook.

It's not up there with Brittany, the Dordogne or the Loire. When you mention you're off there, there's a quizzical look and a bit of scratching of the head, until you say "it's midway down the east side of France just above the French Alps" and suddenly there's a flicker of understanding.

Yet for such an under-rated area it packs a rather powerful punch. Its landscape, much of it carved through the movement of glaciers, is

dramatic and lush. The forests and foliage blanket the area in deep greens, while streams, waterfalls and lakes are sprinkled liberally in between rising rock faces and plateaus.

It's close enough to the likes of Geneva and Lausanne and the rest of Switzerland for day trips to be varied, and with the majesty of the Alps an hour or so away, those who want a bit of snow-capped magnificence will come away happy too.



Perhaps most crucially, it is easily reachable in a day from Calais, if you don't mind six hours of driving. The rewards, rest assured, are worth it.

Our destination is Lac de Chalain, its deep, cool, crystal clear turquoise waters a magnet for fishermen, swimmers and anyone with a love of the water. It is also home to two of the region's most popular campsites.

At one end is the busy and bustling Domaine de Chalain; a huge site which sprawls into woodland and is surrounded by steep cliffs.

At the other is La Pergola – a far more relaxed, smaller site. Its steep terraces offer views across the lake and the surrounding greenery.

It is here we stay and it is here we remember that there is an art to a family holiday. My children – 16, 10 and seven – demand a diverse range of entertainment. My wife and I want peace and quiet, and safety for the kids to find themselves.

Holiday operator Eurocamp is reporting a healthy line of bookings this summer, despite the recession. The long-haul flight destination's loss is very much the accessible French campsite's gain, and Eurocamp is nothing if not family-friendly.

Its accommodation is hard to fault – we stay in a three-bedroom 'Superior' mobile home which boasts a Tardis-like amount of living space. With scorching weather it's hard to beat lounging on the terrace which comes with it – enjoying a glass of wine with a view over the lake.

With so much to see and do nearby, spending time on site seems almost wasted. Yet it's hard to resist. The large swimming pool is a real sun trap, while the beach which surrounds the lake gives you the freedom to do pretty much anything else. And everything is so gloriously clean.

If the weather takes a turn for the worse, a trip to the Eurocamp courier's tent reveals a pile of games, books and sports gear for you to borrow.

It's tough in these times for a family holiday to still excite, enthrall and deliver all the memories we have come to demand – and fit ever-shrinking budgets. Yet the sums still add up here.

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### Travel details

- Chris Britcher was a guest of Eurocamp at the La Pergola site in the Jura region.



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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Bank making it easier for parents to help out

LLOYDSTSB has just launched a mortgage deal that allows parents to help their children buy their first home without having to make a big cash gift.

Called Lend a Hand, the scheme offers first-time buyers a 95 per cent loan-to-value (LTV) mortgage at a fixed rate of 4.39 per cent, provided parents hold enough savings with Lloyds.

This way, parents retain ownership of their savings, which earn a fixed rate of 3.5 per cent for three-and-a-half years, but LloydsTSB takes a legal charge on these monies.

The savings will generally need to be 20 per cent of the property's value and, if the borrower defaults on the mortgage, the bank can claim the cash.

However, after the three-and-a-half years, if loan repayments and/or rising house prices have taken the LTV down to 90 per cent or less, the bank will remove its charge on the savings and the first-time buyer then continues to operate the mortgage independently.

The mortgage deal also requires the first-time buyer to put down a five per cent cash deposit and there is a fee of £995.

### Gap is closing between asking and selling price

THE majority of surveyors – almost 60 per cent – are now reporting that the gap between asking and selling price is narrowing, research has revealed.

Last August, results of the same survey by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors revealed that the gap was widening.

Across the UK, houses are selling at an average of 11 per cent below the asking price, with sellers in some regions being forced to accept as much as 26 per cent discount off their advertised price.

Brigid O'Leary, RICS senior economist, said: "The improvement in sentiment that has been captured in recent housing market surveys is reflected in a narrowing in the gap between asking and selling prices.

"As new instructions continue to decline, a lack of supply is providing some support to house prices.

"Even so, some caution is still warranted. While the pace of the downturn may be easing, the housing market will still be challenged by an uncertain economic backdrop, the threat of rising unemployment and continued restrictions on mortgage finance."



# Drop in homelessness welcomed by charity

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSEHOLDS classified as homeless are down by more than a quarter, according to the latest Government figures.

The new figures issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government show the number of people accepted as homeless by local authorities in England was down 26 per cent on last year.

Between January and March, the numbers fell to 11,350, down from 15,430 last year.

The largest year-on-year decrease in the number of households in temporary accommodation was also highlighted in the figures, which had reduced by 17 per cent.

However, there were still some 64,000 households in temporary accommodation at the end of March this year.

The Government's target is to reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation to 50,500 by next year.

Housing minister John Healey said: "We've made homelessness a high priority with the biggest-ever cash injection of £220 million over three years to tackle and prevent homelessness. Today's figures are testament to the hard work put in by local authorities and other agencies.

### Accommodate

"At the same time we're helping families and first-time buyers into affordable homes through our £8 billion housing programme, bringing forward £550 million to provide thousands more social homes sooner and real help now for those at risk of repossession."

Topping the number of acceptances as the reason for homelessness was parents, relatives or friends being no longer willing or able to accommodate them.

Next, with 19 per cent of cases, was the breakdown of a relationship, often due to domestic violence, closely followed by the ending of an assured shorthold tenancy.

The smallest group, with three per cent, were made homeless due to mortgage arrears, falling slightly from the previous five quarters.

Sam Younger, chief executive of Shelter, said: "Any drop in new cases of homelessness is to be welcomed, provided it is brought about by genuine work to prevent people from losing their homes in the first place.

"But the fact remains that 64,000 households are still housed in temporary accommodation, lacking the safety and security of a permanent home.

"The only real way to lift people out of homelessness is to urgently build more affordable homes to ensure that everyone has a decent, secure home of their own."



CASE STUDY: The number of people registered as homeless has fallen by more than a quarter over the past year

## Lending up as buying gets more affordable

NEW mortgages for home-buyers rose 16 per cent in April, according to the latest figures – but there are still fewer than at the same time last year.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders calculations showed an upswing in the number of people buying properties. However, the level of 35,600 mortgages is still 28 per cent down on a year ago.

The number of remortgage products has continued to fall as borrowers continue to sit happily on low standard variable rates.

Mortgages to first-time buyers were up 11 per cent in April on the month before – but still down 28 per cent on a year ago.

The average loan-to-value level for first-time buyers was 75 per cent – compared with 89 per cent a year ago.

Income multiples have also fallen from 3.33 to 2.96 – meaning first-time buyers looking to take advantage of falling house prices are able to borrow less and need larger deposits.

However, buying is becoming more affordable, with first-time buyers committing 15 per cent of income to pay mortgage interest, the lowest proportion since May 2004.

Ashley Brown, managing director of mortgage broker Moneysprite, said: "First-time buyers are crucial to any property market recovery, so an 11 per cent increase in first-time buyer loans is encouraging.

"Affordability is the key, and the combination of low prices, lenders easing borrowing criteria and buyers having the funds to put down 25 per cent deposits is making house-purchasing the most affordable it's been for some time."

The CML data also showed a rise in the number of people opting for fixed-rate mortgages – and long-term fixes.

CML head of research Bob Pannell said: "With the interest rate cycle now at its floor, an increasing proportion of borrowers are taking out fixed rates, including for longer-term periods of five-ten years."





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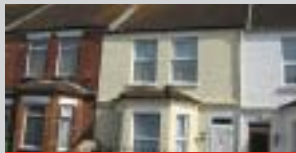
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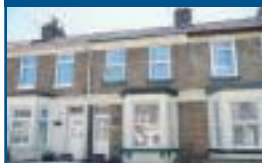
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## MOTORS NEWS



### More powerful IQ looks set to be a clever move

TOYOTA'S impressive but premium priced IQ city car gets a power boost in July with the launch of a new 1.33-litre petrol version.

The 99bhp IQ3 is priced at £11,495 (manual) and £12,495 ('Multidrive' auto), sitting above current 67bhp 1.0-litre IQ versions from £9,495.

The IQ seats three adults and, possibly, a child in a fourth seat yet still averages nearly 60mpg thanks to 'Stop & Start' automatically cutting the engine when the car stops at the lights, for instance, and then re-firing it.



### Honda restarts Civic in bid to kick-start sales

HONDA has just restarted production of the Civic family hatchback at its Swindon plant, and now aims to kick-start sales again with deals saving as much as £2,000.

Buyers can have £1,200 off the 1.4-litre i-VTEC Civic Type S hot hatch Type-R lookalike, for instance – now £13,550.

The Type R GT itself though, is on sale for just £17,980 – two grand off normal list price.

Honda dealers can help out on these and other tempting Civic deals with zero per cent finance too.



### More materialistic Astra coming your way soon

VAUXHALL has made 'packaging' the watchword for the eye-catching Astra, due later this year.

The current car boosted interior quality, but its replacement aims even higher and rethinks storage solutions while cleverly echoing the 'blade' theme of the classy exterior – expressed by details like the gooseneck shape of the door grab handles.

Innovations include two removable compartments for the glove compartment, plus a second mini-glove box, while reaffirming the need for a 12v socket for young rear passengers' MP3 players and games consoles.



**ECONOMIC?** The Ford Focus EcoNetic presses the right buttons when it comes to eco-friendly driving, but you will have to pay the price to do your bit for the environment

# Eco version of UK's star car doesn't come cheap

LIKE a dose of medicine, eco-friendly cars will make the world feel better long term, but they can be hard to swallow now.

Drive one and you laud the cleverness of the carmaker, yet choke on some big 'buts'.

Common minuses are tortoise-like acceleration as a price for miserly motorway cruising and hard compound, low-rolling resistance tyres that are great for mpg stats but evoke unwanted nostalgia about cornering a Citroën 2CV.

Fortunately, the taste left from 'greening' Britain's perennial best-selling car is less bitter than most – providing you can pay extra for it.

For the Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi EcoNetic starts at £17,495 for a three-door – prices for the same 90PS (89bhp) diesel engine in standard form start from around £1,500 less and you get two extra doors thrown in.

What the EcoNetic brings instead is an average mpg in the mid-60s – around 3mpg better than the mainstream version – plus a lower suspension/body, rear spoiler and a set of 'eco' tyres, all to cut drag and fuel consumption.

## ROAD TEST FORD FOCUS ECONETIC

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### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating   | ★★★★★ |

Emissions are slightly lower too, but the road tax (£35/year) remains the same.

So, if it is more important to you to be 'eco', as in 'economy' rather than eco-friendly, the EcoNetic is a non-starter on paper; you will never recoup that money unless you pull off a stunning deal at the start – and Ford list prices can be amazingly flexible if you speak seriously to dealers, or you are a company.

However, this is a greener car you can drive without being constantly reminded of sacrifice for the environment; the EcoNetic is surprisingly lively though the tyres will rebuke you for exploiting the well-poised Focus chassis and the electronic stability control fitted as standard across the range.

You might say that there is little point in buying an eco-friendly car if you intend to chuck it about as soon as you hit some clear tarmac – good point.

And having paid handsomely for the EcoNetic, wasting fuel and tyres afterwards is a pretty silly thing to do, but it does show that a fine car has not been emasculated.

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IT is an ill wind that does not blow somebody some good, so recessions are a chance for the cash-rich to buy used examples of aspirational cars. The BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class compact executive stars, are prime targets for shrewd buyers as hard-pressed owners or companies liquidate assets to shore up overall finances. And if you are not fixated on a diesel, the bargains are even better on cars like the legendary BMW 3-Series straight-six petrol models, with a choice of saloon, coupe, Touring (estate) or Convertible.

#### BMW 3 SERIES



REGARDED as the No1 compact executive model for driving pleasure and sheer swank value, the used 3-Series' prestige crown is threatened by the numbers available, plus pressure from the Audi, Merc and other plausible rivals. There is plenty of choice, from previous generation Compact hatchbacks to stylish estates and up to barnstorming M3 supercars as well as four and two-door stalwarts. Top engines are the classic BMW straight-six petrol and some smooth diesels – especially the huge-selling six-speed 320d variants.

##### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### AUDI A4



AUDI'S ambitious compact executive challenger used to be seen as an also-ran hampered by front-wheel drive rather than the 'purists' choice' – rear-wheel drive – used by the rival BMW and Merc. However, the overall rise of Audi and cachet of its Quattro all-wheel drive versions turned the A4 into the 'thinking man's choice', though numbers in circulation and some ill-judged customisation of used examples could be undermining that. It under-achieves on the driving front, but lacks nothing in engineering.

##### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space           | ★★★★★ |
| Value           | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs   | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability     | ★★★★★ |
| Quality         | ★★★★★ |

#### MERCEDES BENZ C-CLASS



MERCEDES-BENZ put down a marker with the latest C-Class, creating a robust car almost as good to drive as the BMW and arguably better looking than either of its fiercest rivals. Combined with the most prestigious badge of the German trio, this makes the current 'C' sought after on the nearly new market, though previous generation cars are less so thanks to a period of poorer built and reliability. This means there are bargains – diesel estates are the pick.

##### STAR QUALITY

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal  | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
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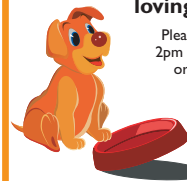
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## Kent League Division One

## Sandwich Town 1st XI v Orpington 1st XI

AN IMPRESSIVE knock by Craig Snell helped Sandwich Town move into the promotion places in Division One, with a comprehensive five wicket victory.

Sandwich went into the game in third position, hoping to put pressure on second-placed The Mote, who have been on a poor run of form.

The home side won the toss and elected to field, which they would have regretted once Orpington's Patrick Joseph came to the crease. He provided strong resistance to Sandwich's bowlers and hit 73 before being stumped by Gavin Lawrence.

The breakthrough proved to be key, as the wickets of Paul Sheddin and Christopher Watts quickly followed. Paul Schmidt (63) rescued Orpington before van Poppel claimed his second wicket of the afternoon.

Sandwich bowled economically throughout, limiting Orpington to 190 for 7.

Snell gave Sandwich the best start possible in reply, as he quickly notched 77 to give the remaining batsmen a platform for victory.

However, his partner David Scoggins was unable to follow in his footsteps and was run out for 22. Robert Goatham followed shortly after, bowled by Neil Bradford.

Vishaul Singh (34) and David Draper (29) put Sandwich back on course for victory and Town won the game in the 39th over.

Sandwich hope to maintain their second place in the division, with a trip to struggling Folkestone this Saturday.

# Sandwich move into promotion territory



AT THE CREASE: Sandwich Town's batsmen successfully chased down Orpington to move into second place in Division One

## SCOREBOARD

## Orpington

|   | Runs |
|---|------|
| Patrick Joseph st Lawrence b van Poppel | 73   |
| Paul Sheddin ct Goatham b Bradley       | 11   |
| Christopher Watts ct Lawrence b Spanton | 9    |
| Paul Schmidt ct Lawrence b van Poppel   | 63   |
| David Robinson run out van Poppel       | 9    |
| Ben Clarkson run out van Poppel         | 11   |
| Bobby Jones b Goatham                   | 2    |
| Alex Watts not out                      | 2    |
| Neil Bradford not out                   | 4    |
| Stephen Ingram did not bat              |      |
| Richard Hall did not bat                |      |
| Extras (4b 1lb 1w)                      | 6    |
| Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)             | 190  |

Batters

|                    | 0  | M | R  | W |
|--------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Craig Spanton      | 10 | 1 | 32 | 1 |
| Jack Bradley       | 8  | 2 | 28 | 1 |
| Craig Snell        | 9  | 1 | 39 | 0 |
| Matthew van Poppel | 15 | 1 | 50 | 2 |
| Robert Goatham     | 8  | 0 | 36 | 1 |

## Sandwich Town

|                                  | Runs |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Craig Snell ct Watts b Ingram    | 77   |
| David Scoggins run out           | 22   |
| Robert Goatham b Bradford        | 1    |
| Vishaul Singh ct Sheddin b Watts | 34   |
| Stuart Smith lbw b Watts         | 6    |
| David Draper not out             | 29   |
| James Bolt not out               | 6    |
| Gavin Lawrence did not bat       |      |
| Craig Spanton did not bat        |      |
| Matthew van Poppel did not bat   |      |
| Jack Bradley did not bat         |      |
| Extras (9lb 7w)                  | 16   |
| Total (5 wickets, 38.5 overs)    | 191  |

Batters

|                   | 0  | M | R  | W |
|-------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Patrick Joseph    | 75 | 1 | 36 | 0 |
| Neil Bradford     | 12 | 2 | 59 | 1 |
| Stephen Ingram    | 9  | 1 | 41 | 1 |
| Paul Schmidt      | 7  | 3 | 29 | 0 |
| Christopher Watts | 3  | 0 | 17 | 2 |

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

## Deal Victoria &amp; Barnes Close 1st XI v Sandwich Town 3rd XI

CHARLES Mailli fell four runs short of hitting a century in a narrow 14 run defeat against Sandwich 3rd's.

Sandwich set a high target of 266 for Deal Victoria to chase after an impressive performance with the bat, including an unbeaten 112 from Stephen Murphy.

With a high score to chase down Deal made a disappointing start, losing both openers early on. However, Mailli's 96 and Matthew Carley's 47 put them back on track. The tail did their best to chip away at the target, but ran out of overs.

## Sandwich Town

|                                    | Runs |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Tony Curwen lbw b Hinkins          | 4    |
| Clive Thurgate ct Moran b McNamara | 41   |
| Daniel Burgess b Hinkins           | 0    |
| David Scarr st Hudson b Moran      | 43   |
| Dean Scoggins ct Carley b Mailli   | 22   |
| Stephen Murphy not out             | 112  |
| Andy Chapman run out               | 3    |
| Liam Evans ct Furness b Killip     | 19   |
| Chris Smith not out                | 9    |
| Ben Thurgate did not bat           |      |
| Liam Martin did not bat            |      |
| Extras (7b 5lb 1w)                 | 13   |
| Total (7 wickets, 46 overs)        | 266  |

| Batters         | 0  | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Alex Hinkins    | 6  | 0 | 27 | 2 |
| Sam Killip      | 94 | 1 | 75 | 1 |
| Stephen Moran   | 92 | 0 | 45 | 1 |
| Graham McNamara | 12 | 0 | 39 | 1 |
| Charles Mailli  | 9  | 0 | 68 | 1 |

## Deal Victoria &amp; Barnes Close

|                                       | Runs |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| Andrew Furness b Smith                | 4    |
| Mark Birkett ct Martin b Evans        | 7    |
| Charles Mailli st Curwen b Thurgate   | 96   |
| Matthew Carley b Thurgate             | 47   |
| Robbie Brannan b Chapman              | 12   |
| Sam Killip run out                    | 1    |
| Stephen Moran ct Murphy b Evans       | 3    |
| Scott McNamara ct Scoggins b Thurgate | 16   |
| Alex Hinkins b Evans                  | 2    |
| Matthew Hudson not out                | 29   |
| Graham McNamara not out               | 14   |
| Extras (10b 1lb 9w 1nb)               | 21   |
| Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)           | 252  |

| Batters        | 0  | M | R  | W |
|----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Chris Smith    | 12 | 2 | 55 | 1 |
| Liam Evans     | 12 | 0 | 63 | 3 |
| Stephen Murphy | 8  | 0 | 64 | 0 |
| Clive Thurgate | 11 | 0 | 47 | 3 |
| Andy Chapman   | 3  | 0 | 12 | 1 |

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Whitstable 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

MAX Campbell helped guide Whitstable to a four wicket win against Hythe with a brisk century.

Hythe began the game with intent and Christopher Slee fell just seven short of his century; bowled by Ben Trott.

With Hythe all out for 261, Whitstable needed their batsmen to be on their best form. Campbell answered the call as he hit 12 fours and a six on the way to 100.

The innings was slowed by Hythe's bowlers before Tom Richardson (60) put Whitstable back on track. The home side hit the winning runs in the final over, with just two balls to spare.

## Hythe

|                                     | Runs |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Leon Morgan ct Trott b Gould        | 75   |
| Christopher Slee b Trott            | 93   |
| Jon Smith ct Mills b Gould          | 16   |
| Dan Furnival ct Rasheed b Campbell  | 32   |
| Daniel Patching ct Denly b Campbell | 0    |
| Richard Perkins ct Denly b Mills    | 5    |
| Sam Butler ct Hardy b Campbell      | 17   |
| Hamish Morrison ct Rasheed b Trott  | 12   |
| Jago Pearson ct Mills b Trott       | 0    |
| Ben Dwyer not out                   | 2    |
| Patrick Owen lbw b Trott            | 0    |
| Extras (1b 1lb 3w 4nb)              | 9    |
| Total (all out, 47.3 overs)         | 261  |

| Batters      | 0   | M | R  | W |
|--------------|-----|---|----|---|
| James Mills  | 4   | 0 | 39 | 1 |
| Ben Trott    | 133 | 3 | 58 | 4 |
| Jason Logan  | 4   | 0 | 39 | 0 |
| Duncan Hardy | 12  | 0 | 29 | 0 |
| Josh Gould   | 6   | 0 | 75 | 3 |
| Max Campbell | 8   | 2 | 19 | 3 |

## Whitstable

|                                     | Runs |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Max Campbell ct Slee b Owen         | 100  |
| Nadir Rasheed ct Smith b Dwyer      | 8    |
| Sam Denly ct Perkins b Patching     | 24   |
| Tom Richardson ct Morgan b Morrison | 60   |
| James Loader ct Perkins b Owen      | 2    |
| Ben Trott not out                   | 14   |
| Byron Gould b Dwyer                 | 31   |
| James Mills not out                 | 1    |
| Josh Gould did not bat              |      |
| Jason Logan did not bat             |      |
| Duncan Hardy did not bat            |      |
| Extras (9b 3lb 9w 1nb)              | 22   |
| Total (6 wickets, 49.4 overs)       | 262  |

| Batters          | 0   | M | R  | W |
|------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Daniel Patching  | 15  | 1 | 62 | 1 |
| Ben Dwyer        | 114 | 0 | 76 | 2 |
| Patrick Owen     | 13  | 0 | 56 | 2 |
| Hamish Morrison  | 9   | 1 | 54 | 1 |
| Christopher Slee | 1   | 0 | 2  | 0 |

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

## Sibton Park 1st XI v Hayes 1st XI

SIBTON Park maintained their lead at the top of the division with a 70-run win.

Park only made 152 from their allotted 50 overs as their batting line up struggled to find runs early on. Ben Carberry top scored with 35, as Hayes bowlers dominated. Peter Edmonds was the pick, finishing with figures of 2 for 14.

However, Sibton's bowlers were even more impressive and set up the victory. Andy Allon produced a man of the match performance, taking 5 for 19. Hayes' batting line up collapsed and they were bowled out for 81.

## Sibton Park

|                                    | Runs |
|------------------------------------|------|
| George Leadbetter lbw b Edmonds    | 16   |
| Andy Allon b Eddicott              | 4    |
| Jamie Keeler ct O'Rourke b Edmonds | 3    |
| Ben Carberry lbw b Askew           | 35   |
| Craig Coleman lbw b Eddicott       | 0    |
| Martin Wren b O'Rourke             | 7    |
| Steve Hobbs lbw b Askew            | 25   |
| Steven Rowe ct Cross b Askew       | 27   |
| Sam Newman not out                 | 15   |
| Tim Smith not out                  | 10   |
| Trevor Lewis did not bat           |      |
| Extras (1b 7lb 2w)                 | 10   |
| Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)        | 152  |

| Batters         | 0  | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Stuart Eddicott | 10 | 0 | 30 | 2 |
| Peter Edmonds   | 7  | 2 | 14 | 2 |
| Andrew O'Rourke | 15 | 2 | 41 | 1 |
| Jamie Askew     | 15 | 2 | 44 | 3 |
| Joel Coudrey    | 3  | 0 | 15 | 0 |

## Hayes

|                                   | Runs |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| O'Neil Blake ct Hobbs b Allon     | 17   |
| Steven Taylor b Rowe              | 4    |
| Jamie Askew ct Rowe b Smith       | 18   |
| James Bamber lbw b Rowe           | 24   |
| Oliver Williams lbw b Smith       | 0    |
| David Cross run out Leadbetter    | 0    |
| Beau Coudrey ct Hobbs b Allon     | 0    |
| Joel Coudrey lbw b Allon          | 7    |
| Andrew O'Rourke ct Keeler b Allon | 2    |
| Stuart Eddicott lbw b Allon       | 0    |
| Peter Edmonds not out             | 0    |
| Extras (4lb 3w 2nb)               | 9    |
| Total (all out, 36.1 overs)       | 81   |

| Batters           | 0   | M | R  | W |
|-------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Steven Rowe       | 101 | 3 | 30 | 2 |
| Trevor Lewis      | 7   | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| Tim Smith         | 7   | 3 | 7  | 2 |
| Andy Allon        | 10  | 3 | 19 | 5 |
| Sam Newman        | 1   | 1 | 0  | 0 |
| George Leadbetter | 1   | 0 | 5  | 0 |

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Walmer 1st XI v Bexleyheath 1st XI

DESPITE Walmer's Mark Parnell hitting an unbeaten 82, points were shared as the game ended in a rare tie.

Bexleyheath batted first and started a brisk pace with Chris Shears (85) and Archie Woodgate (50). With the score at 247 for 5 Bexleyheath declared, believing they had done enough for victory.

However, Walmer produced a good response despite a slow start. Parnell's 82 brought them right back into the game. The run scoring continued and in the 52nd over Walmer needed one to win but lost their last wicket which saw the game end in a tie.

## Bexleyheath

|                                   | Runs |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Phil Wiseman lbw b P Butler       | 11   |
| Pat Heath ct Parnell b S Butler   | 28   |
| Chris Shears ct Butler b Green    | 85   |
| Ravi Patel ct Cowlishaw b Parnell | 14   |
| Raquin Bosumia ct North b Parnell | 0    |
| Archie Woodgate not out           | 50   |
| Chris Hobbs not out               | 5    |
| Jack Woods did not bat            |      |
| Grantleigh Burnham did not bat    |      |
| Richard Howes did not bat         |      |
| Phillip Bone did not bat          |      |
| Extras (3b 9lb 35w 7nb)           | 54   |
| Total (5 wickets dec, 48 overs)   | 247  |

| Batters         | 0 | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|---|---|----|---|
| Barry Green     | 7 | 0 | 43 | 1 |
| Paul Butler     | 9 | 1 | 34 | 1 |
| Stuart Butler   | 9 | 3 | 28 | 1 |
| Mark Parnell    | 9 | 1 | 62 | 2 |
| Peter Huntley   | 8 | 0 | 34 | 0 |
| Edwin Cowlishaw | 6 | 0 | 34 | 0 |

## Walmer

|                                     | Runs |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Martyn North run out                | 13   |
| Rod Cotton ct Howes b Hobbs         | 8    |
| Stuart Butler b Burnham             | 14   |
| Joe Wilcox ct Bone b Burnham        | 9    |
| Mark Parnell not out                | 82   |
| Peter Morris ct Woods b Bone        | 11   |
| Martin Pearce ct Burnham b Woodgate | 41   |
| Paul Butler lbw b Hobbs             | 0    |
| Barry Green ct Wiseman b Woodgate   | 2    |
| Edwin Cowlishaw lbw b Hobbs         | 25   |
| Peter Huntley run out               | 4    |
| Extras (5b 10lb 13w 10nb)           | 38   |
| Total (all out, 51.5 overs)         | 247  |

| Batters            | 0    | M | R  | W |
|--------------------|------|---|----|---|
| Jack Woods         | 7    | 1 | 31 | 0 |
| Grantleigh Burnham | 14.5 | 3 | 76 | 2 |
| Phillip Bone       | 8    | 2 | 35 | 1 |
| Chris Hobbs        | 15   | 3 | 50 | 3 |
| Ravi Patel         | 3    | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| Archie Woodgate    | 4    | 0 | 25 | 2 |



# County face an anxious wait over Parnell

Picture ADY KERRY



**TALENT:** Wayne Parnell hopes to return to Kent, but South Africa may block the move

WAYNE Parnell's rise to fame in the ICC World Twenty20 could impact on his return to Kent as their overseas player, according to skipper Rob Key.

The county's director of cricket, Graham Ford told our sister paper Kent on Sunday last week the South Africa international's return to Canterbury might not be as simple as first thought after watching his stock rise in recent weeks.

Key, who watched Parnell take 3 for 14 against England to help beat his side by seven wickets in the Super Eights stage, said the 19-year-old is a precocious talent.

He said: "In the next couple of years I think he will be one of the best cricketers in the world, but I think he is probably getting there a bit quicker than I thought. People like that are like gold dust for countries so they are going to

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be very careful about him. He's 19 years old and bowls and bats as he does, so he is only going one way if he stays fit."

While the left-arm fast bowler continues to get rave reviews for his performances on the big stage, the likelihood of him returning to St Lawrence, despite him wanting to play again for Kent, looks bleak.

With both Amjad Khan returning and Robbie Joseph in good form, Key believes their availability as a new ball pairing will soften the blow.

He said: "At the moment we have Amjad Khan and Robbie Joseph who are both England qualified running into bowl and to be honest they are as good a new ball attack in the country."

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**IN THE DARK:** Hove floodlights went out during game

# Coach Willis says Hove debacle will unite his squad

KENT'S highly controversial Duckworth/Lewis defeat to Sussex at Hove will help spur the players on to progress in the Twenty20 Cup, according to county coach Simon Willis.

The Spitfires lost by two runs in the game on June 4 after a generator fuel pump broke, leaving eight floodlights unlit all night.

While the club are still smarting about the defeat and the missed opportunity of topping the South Division, Willis believes the incident will help galvanise the squad in their attempts to progress, which continue today against Surrey at The Oval.

He said: "I think in the past the players have shown that when we have had things go against us like the Worcester incident in 2007 and the points loss at Maidstone a few years ago, it brought us together. I'm sure the Sussex incident is going to do that again.

"The guys did feel harshly treated considering the cricket they played in that match so I'm sure that will bring us together as a unit and help us perform."

After playing two County Championship games tightly sandwiched right in the middle of the domestic Twenty20 competition, the Spitfires now again turn their attention to a different format. Willis admits the difference makes preparation far from ideal.

"You just can't get into any rhythm," he said. "You start a tournament and then suddenly it finishes and goes in a different direction, so that's been a bit unsettling."

Skipper Rob Key is back after returning from England duty, but has warned his side they need to take their opportunities if they are to progress in the competition.

He said: "We are in the toughest group by far for Twenty20 cricket and we have had our opportunities to be right at the top of it, but we've not taken them. We should be making sure we go through in the Twenty20 and that's going to be a big test."



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**TOP TRAINING:** Australian skipper Ricky Ponting (left) was able to give Kent players Phil Edwards (middle) and Warren Lee (right) some bowling pointers

# Kent youngsters get to mix it with the Aussies

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BY GLENN PEARSON

IT'S not every day you get to bowl against the cream of the world's cricketing talent, but for Kent's Academy youngsters it's becoming a regular thing.

Seven of the county's Academy and development squad were given the chance of a lifetime when they were asked to bowl at the Australian Test squad, who arrived in Kent last week to use the county's facilities in Beckenham.

Skipper Ricky Ponting and his squad visited the Worsley Bridge Road ground last Thursday to step up their preparations ahead of the Ashes series that begins with the first Test in Cardiff on July 8. Kent Academy youngsters Maurice Holmes, Adam Ball, Adam Riley and Matt Coles, together with 2nd XI players Phil Edwards, Warren Lee and

Charlie Hemphrey, were used as net bowlers during the session where they got the opportunity to bowl to the likes of Mike Hussey, Michael Clarke and Brad Haddin.

For seam bowler Phil Edwards, 25, who made his County Championship debut in Kent's first game of the season against Northamptonshire, rubbing shoulders with the likes of Australian pacemen Brett Lee and Mitchell Johnson can only help his game.

He said: "It was a really good experience standing next to Brett Lee getting ready to bowl, it was a bit surreal really. They were really good though, they all made an effort to talk to us during practice and gave us feedback about our bowling during the session which really helped."

Teenager Matt Coles left fast bowler Brett Lee, known to have some skill as a batsman, a little red faced after bowling him out during the session. The 18-year-old, who plays for Kent Premier League champions Hartley Country Club, was impressed with the Australians, particularly the likes of fast bowlers Lee, Johnson and Ben Hilfenhaus.

He said: "It's not every day you get to bowl with one of the best bowlers in the world, it was definitely a great experience. It was good to learn how they prepare to play on each wicket and the plans they have for each batsman, but they didn't tell us what they had planned for England's batters."

For Coles and several of his Academy teammates, it's not the first time they have been asked to bowl against top international batsmen. Two weeks ago, Kent's Academy group were invited to London to bowl against the Sri Lankans as preparation for the ICC World Twenty20. Academy director Phil Relf said that the experience, combined with training alongside the Australians, should benefit the young players in their goal of playing First-Class cricket for Kent.

"For our guys to get to bowl against the likes of Ricky Ponting, well that can only help their game," he said. "Hopefully it provided motivation and education from the world's best team and I'm sure they would be hard pressed not to have picked something up from watching them train."

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